



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL MARK D. NEXON

Lt. Col. Mark D. Nexon is the 496th Air Base Squadron and US Forces Installation Commander, Morón Air Base, Spain. He is the senior airfield authority (SAA) and base operations support-integrator (BOS-I) for all U.S. personnel. Lt. Col. Nexon commands a total force of 605 military, civilian, and contract personnel from across 35 career fields who operate and enable the Morón power-projection platform, as well as partner with the Spanish Air Force's 11th Wing, Unidad Militar de Emergencias, and the Second Air Deployment Support Squadron.

Lt. Col. Nexon received his commission upon graduation from the United States Air Force Academy in 2005. He completed joint specialized undergraduate pilot training in 2007 and has served as an instructor and evaluator pilot in the KC-135R/T Stratotanker, C-130H Hercules, and C-130J Super Hercules. His participation in both combat and peacetime joint operations include Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, UNIFIED PROTECTOR, DAMAYAN, SAHAYOGI HAAT, OCTAVE QUARTZ, and RESOLUTE SUPPORT. Lt. Col. Nexon is a 2016 graduate of Air Mobility Command's PHOENIX REACH force-development program. Prior to his current position, Lt. Col. Nexon was Director of Operations, 39th Airlift Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas.



Lt. Col. Nexon is a senior pilot with 3,300 hours in the KC-135R/T, C-130H, and C-130J.

#### EDUCATION

2005 Bachelor of Science, Military History and Russian, the United States Air Force Academy, Colo.  
2005 Air & Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2011 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2011 Master of Business Administration, Ethics Concentration, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash.  
2015 Program for Applied Security Studies, George Marshall Center, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.  
2017 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2017 Congressional Operations Seminar, Georgetown Government Affairs Institute, Georgetown University, D.C.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2005 – March 2006, Training Officer, 6th Airlift Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.
2. April 2006 – June 2007, Student Pilot, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
3. July 2007 – Nov. 2011, Flight Commander/Instructor Pilot, KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
4. Dec. 2011 – June 2012, C-130H Transition Course, 714th Training Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
5. July 2012 – July 2016, Assistant Director of Operations/ Evaluator Pilot, 36th Airlift Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan.
6. July 2016 – June 2017, IDE Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. July 2017 – June 2019, UAE Desk Officer, Military Assistant, and Deputy Action Group Chief, Headquarters United States Air Force, SAF/IA, Pentagon AFDW, Va.
8. July 2019 – May 2020., Director of Operations, 39th Airlift Squadron, Dyess AFB, Tex.
9. June 2020 – Pres., Commander, 496th Air Base Squadron, Morón Air Base, Spain.

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: senior pilot

Flight Hours: 3,300

Aircraft Flown: T-6A, T-1A, KC-135R/T, C-130H/H2/H3, C-130J

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with 1 silver oak leaf cluster, 1 bronze oak leaf cluster, bronze Combat Device

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award with 1 oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device, 1 silver and 2 oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Force Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

NATO Medal

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant June 1, 2005

First Lieutenant June 1, 2007

Captain June 1, 2009

Major Sep 1, 2015

Lieutenant Colonel Mar 1, 2020

(Current as of July 2021)